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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly above normal for the week. Minimum temperatures were well below freezing in the west and central on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The week end was warm and dry. Precipitation was very light and scattered. Reported amounts were less than .10 of an inch except in the extreme southeast where Falls City reported 2.42 inches in a thundershower at the beginning of the week.

CROPS Excellent weather permitted harvest to get under way and was gaining momentum at the close of the week. Progress of harvest of all crops was running much later than usual, reflecting the wide variability of weather conditions during the growing season. About 5 percent of the corn has been harvested as compared with 15 percent last year. Moisture content was running about 24 percent, and this required drying before storing. Moisture content of corn is now approaching a point where it can be safely cribbed without drying. Sorghum harvest was further advanced with 19 percent combined but was running behind last year when 55 percent had been cut. Moisture content of sorghum was also running a little high at 17 percent, and this required artificial drying.

Soybean harvest was over 60 percent completed, and the moisture content of the beans was generally low enough for safe storage.

Digging of sugar beets progressed rapidly and over 50 percent were harvested at the close of the week. Both tonnage and sugar content are running a little higher than previously expected. Practically all of the late potato crop is now under cover and yields were running much higher than growers anticipated.

Winter wheat is making good growth but the surface soil is very dry, and a good rain would be beneficial. Some areas in the west are becoming dry and subject to wind erosion. Grasshoppers and green bugs are quite numerous and causing damage to the crop. Some late replanted wheat has not emerged.

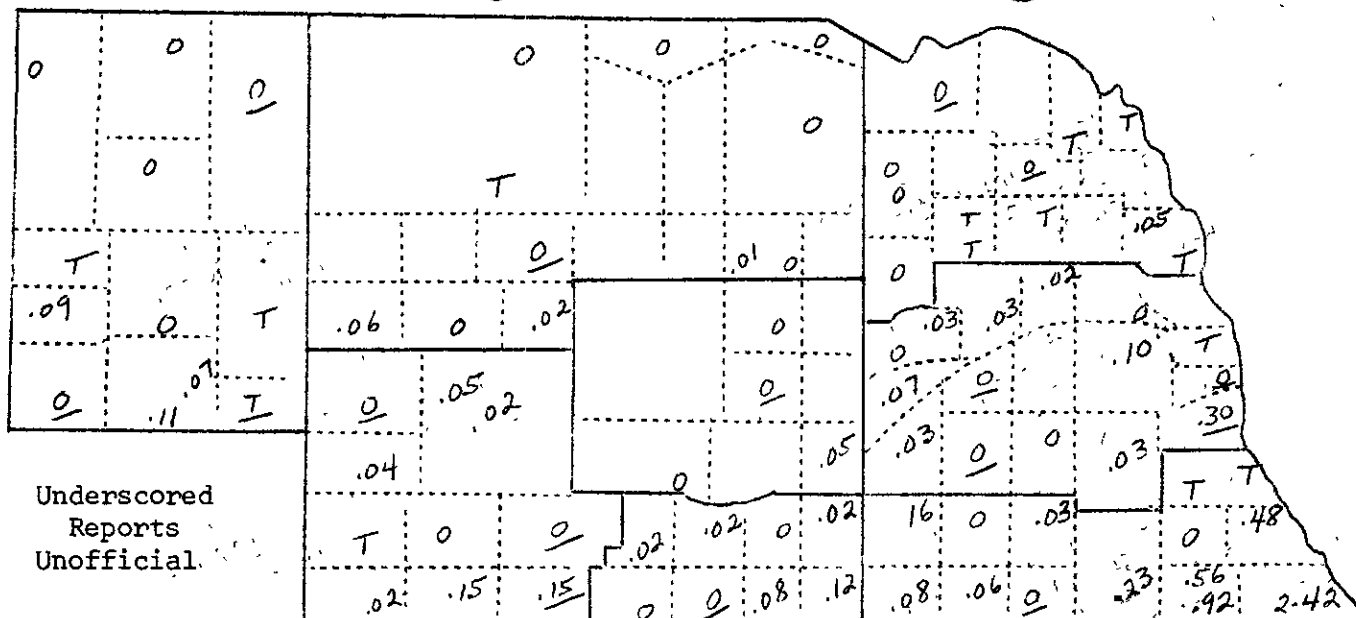
Harvest of alfalfa continues. Pasture and range feed is becoming quite dry over most of the State, and cattle will be turned into stalk fields as soon as the grain is harvested. The dryness in the range area is causing considerable concern because of the fire hazard. There have already been some damaging fires in the western area.

LIVESTOCK All livestock continue in good condition. Sales and movement of feeder cattle are picking up momentum as stalk fields become available for pasture. Replacement cattle are going into feed lots. Most of the feed lots are dry and dusty and a good rain would help settle the dust. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska during September amounted to 179,000 head, about 2 percent less than the 184,000 shipped in during September of 1966. Sheep and lamb inshipments totaled 40,000 head compared with 83,000 head last year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 1967

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	N	Burwell	N	Chadron	N
Lincoln	O	North Platte	O	Imperial	O
Norfolk	N	Valentine	N	Scottsbluff	N
Omaha	E		E	Sidney	E
Sioux City					

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1967



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	74	30	63	23	68	42	73	24	68	30	84	50	73	44		
	Scottsbluff	74	35	69	31	71	30	74	23	72	35	82	37	74	37		
	Sidney	70	33	69	24	67	32	75	23	67	31	80	41	73	35		
NC	Burwell	68	32	69	26	61	31	75	26	65	36	74	--	87	32		
	Valentine	72	34	62	25	61	39	76	27	65	29	84	41	80	38		
NE	Norfolk	65	37	65	33	55	27	87	37	61	31	70	53	77	38		
	Sioux City	67	34	66	37	58	30	66	40	62	30	71	50	78	48		
CEN	Grand Island	64	39	73	31	62	34	69	39	64	40	72	49	77	44		
EC	Lincoln	65	42	70	38	57	33	67	41	63	42	70	57	78	58		
	Omaha	64	41	70	33	56	35	63	40	61	40	69	54	78	58		
SW	Imperial	70	36	71	28	65	33	83	31	67	38	80	35	79	33		
	North Platte	68	29	70	21	63	31	83	24	63	34	73	31	81	30		

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